

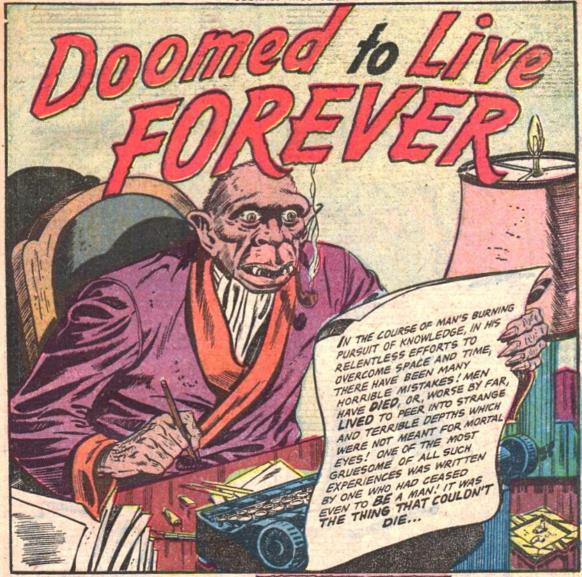


# NEVER BEFORE SO MUCH WALUE WITH MONEY BACK OFFER!

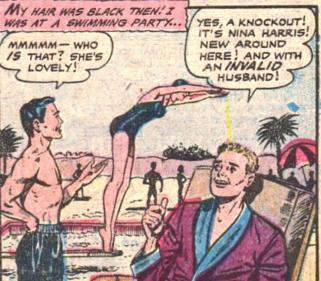


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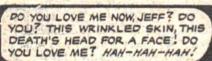
















N-NO! WHO ARE YOU? WHAT SORT OF DEVIL'S WORK IS THIS? WHERE IS NINA? HEE-HEE-HEE! YOU POOR FOOL! I TRIED TO WARN YOU! CAN'T YOU SEE? I'M MINA!



### SHE TOUCHED ME WITH A SHRIVELED CLAW!



DO YOU KNOW HOW OLD, JEFF? NO, OF COURSE YOU DON'T! HOW COULD YOU? LISTEN — I WAS BORN IN 1850! TEN YEARS BEFORE THE CIVIL WAR! HEE-HEE-HEE-I'M 103 YEARS OLD!









I REALLY EXIST! AN APE
THAT CAN TALK! I AM,
OR WAS, GORDON HARRIS!
NINA'S HUSBAND!

SICK AND REELING, NOT KNOWING

IF I DREAMT OR NOT, I WATCHED

THE CREATURE...

Y-YOU! NINA'S

HUSBAND! AN

ME! I WILL TRY APE, A GORILLA!

TO EXPLAIN! I AM INSANE,

THIS WAY! SEEING THINGS!

THERE IS NO OTHER

ANSWER!





















AND NEXT DAY ...

OH, GORDON, I'M SO FRIGHTENED! WHAT



MY PROBLEM WAS A CRUEL ONE! I

I FINALLY MARRIED NINA WITHOUT TELLING HER MY SECRET! ONE THIS IS WRONG, BUT I MUST DO IT! NOW SHE WILL ALWAYS REMAIN YOUNG WITH

YOU'VE DONE IS UNNATURAL WE'LL BE PUNISHED, DON'T BE SOMEHOW! LITTLE FOOL, NINA! ME! OUR MARRIAGE WILL LAST FOREVER! TOMORROW I'LL TELL DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? NOW YOU'LL ALWAYS BE YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL!











WE - FINALLY - HAD TO TAKE MORE FORMULA! BUT - SOMEHOW - DID -NOT-ARHHHH - UHHH - WORK ON NINA! SHE AHHH - STARTED TO GROW OLD! YOU SAW RESULT! UHHHH-HORRIBLE! BUT SHE - LUCKY- ONE!







ME, THE CREATURE FELL ON ITS KNEES ... I-HAH-HAH-GREAT SCOTT! HE-WENT ALL WAY-HE'S RIGHT! HE'S YEARS BACK! GONE BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF AND I - STILL " TIME! GOING! GAAAAA-



LEAVE THIS PLACE! BUT AFTER WHAT I'VE SEEN, I DON'T CARE MUCH! HEE-HEE!

THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS! THEY -HEE-HEE SAY I'LL BE WELL SOMEDAY, THAT I CAN



T WAS A PLACE FOR FUN AND FROLIC —A CARNIVAL OF MAKE-BELIEVE FEAR! YOU PAID YOUR DIME AND IT WAS FUN TO BE FRIGHTENED! BUT, SUDDENLY, IT WAS THERE! WHAT WAS IT? NOBODY KNEW, EXCEPT THAT IT LIKED BLOOD, AND THE CRUNCHING OF BONES WAS MUSIC TO ITS EARS! FOR SOMEHOW THIS TERRIBLE THING HAD COME AMONG THEM, AND WAS TAKING A DREADFUL TOLL! IT WAS THE THING IN THE



VAAAAAAA

JUMPING AT US LIKE THAT.

TEE-HEE.





















HERE'S ONE NOW! IN THAT STORY THE

WARDA DID SOMETHING TO LIGHT WAVES-









## GHOST CLINIC

by Doctor Shade

### OUT OF THE COFFIN

N THE rear of the funeral chapel Sedger, the undertaker, surreptitiously slipped away from the several mourners standing before the coffin. Rubbing his hands unctuously, he closed the door behind him and went into the passage leading to the embalming chambers.

Sitting at a desk, dressed in professional, pin-striped morning coat, his partner,

Turgis, looked up and grinned.

"Is our late client resting well?" he

asked.

Still rubbing his hands, Sedger nodded.

"Magnificently, Turgis, magnificently." He chuckled hollowly. "He looks so well laid out in that expensive coffin. Too bad he won't be buried in it!"

"Strange how the poor will waste their lives, deprive themselves of even the barest necessities of life so that in death they can, at least, be buried in comfort—or so they think!" Sedger tittered. "Why should we worry, eh, Turgis. We, at least, will lie in marble mausoleums, in velvet caskets when our time comes. But that's a long way off, eh?" He cackled. "In the meantime . . .

But now Turgis' face was grave. His cold, fish-eyes flickered in rhythm to the

funeral music. His hands trembled.

"You speak of our death," he said shakily. "Yes, yes, even we must die someday, Sedger. And when we do, we may have much to answer for. Sedger-there are times when I am afraid!" He looked around him fearfully. "There may be retribution in the hereafter!"

"Worry about that when the time comes!" Sedger said brutally. His dark eyes

gleamed with evil.

"Time to go!" He jerked a thumb toward the waiting iron coffin that lay on its grim trestles. "I'll see to it that the mourners get to the cars for the funeral. In the meantime, you put our late client in there!"

EAVING the gray-faced Turgis behind, Sedger returned to the funeral chamber. "We will leave now," he said in low tones. His eyes moved slowly to the corpse lying in its rich coffin; his face lengthened in sorrow and he brushed a hand past his eyes as though to wipe away a tear. "If you will wait outside in the cars, I'll have poor, departed Mr. Haskins taken to the hearse!"

The others took one last look at the corpse, filed out slowly. But one old man

paused.

"It was beautiful, Mr. Sedger" he said

His toothless jaws worked emotionally. "And so cheap!"

"That is our policy!" Sedger said

smoothly.

"Poor Hiram Haskins!" the man said, gazing at the dead features. "A hard man, hard-fisted, miserly, and yet poor. He always said he'd die richly, even though he lived poor. He swore it!" The man's voice broke. "And he was able to, poor as he was, because of your generosity, Mr. Sedger!"

Sedger spread his hands in deprecation. "My partner and I, too, were once poor. We know the pains of poverty. That is why we provide this service, sir," he said slickly. Again he rubbed his hands. "Perhaps you, too, might wish to avail yourself of our services-for the inevitable future, of course!"

"Yes, yes," the other said slowly. "I'm getting old, Mr. Sedger. I have some money put away, though. I can't use it now. I'm

too old.'

"But dead ... " Sedger breathed. "We could give you a coffin as magnificent as Mr. Haskins there. Perhaps you would care to drop around this evening, sir, and talk it over!"

The man nodded, hurried out, buttoning his threadbare jacket. Instantly, Sedger knocked on 'the connecting doors. They opened and Turgis came out. He had regained some of his composure. Silently Sedger pointed to the coffin and together they walked toward it.

Quickly they removed the body of Hiram Haskins from the splendid coffin, transferred it to the iron outer coffin. Then they carried the box out to the waiting hearse. Turgis got behind the wheel. Sedger noticed

that his hands were trembling.

"What the devil's wrong with you?" he

demanded in a hoarse whisper.

"It—it was your talk of our deaths," Turgis replied faintly.

"It was just talk!" Sedger said angrily. "Get a grip on yourself, Turgis! We both went into this thing together." His hands tightened on the wheel as Turgis made room for him. "Neither of us can get out of this now. And if you try to rat on me, Turgis,

"You won't have to!" Turgis croaked. He moistened dry lips, "I'll-I'll be alright, Sedger. Only for heaven's sake, stop talking of death. We have it around us all day long and somehow-somehow, I never get used

to it. Wa

GRUNTING, Sedger stepped on the gas. Then, slowly, with funeral stateliness, the procession of cars drove off.

An hour later they had returned to their undertaking establishment. Sedger chuckled as he turned the hearse round a corner into their street. A man was waiting in front of the building.

"More business!" he said. "I'll probably have to pick up a body for embalmment-ah, yes, I recognize him-a friend of old Mr. Graves. And to think! Poor Graves: he was in to see us about the burial association only last week. It makes one think does it not, Turgis-eh? Oh, sorry I said that!"

The car came to rest with a squealing of brakes.

"Open a new ledger entry, Turgis," Sedger whispered. "Don't forget we have a new account coming around this evening." He watched Turgis vanish into the building, then turned his attention to the caller. The matter did indeed concern their client Mr. Graves. Within another hour the corpse of Mr. Graves was enjoying the hospitality of Sedger and Turgis, Undertakers. The embalming took only a few hours more. By half-past eight that night, the corpse was resting quietly in the expensive coffin that had once held the body of Hiram Haskins.

Sedger stepped back, after having arranged some vases of artificial American beauty roses around the coffin.

"Look almost real, don't they?" he said to Turgis and Turgis nodded uneasily. Then Turgis started violently.

Abruptly, two knocks had sounded simultaneously, one from the front door, the other from the back entrance.

"That must be Hiram Haskins' friend at the front-our new account," Sedger said. "You answer it. I'll take the rear door." He pointed to the coffin. "Don't want Haskins' friend to see it. We can wheel it into the funeral chamber

Turgis went haltingly to the front door. He couldn't get rid of the feeling now that they were walking on thin ice. Just one slip in their crooked

business, and-he shuddered. Prison was fust as bad, just as confining as a coffin and a grave.

Opening the door he saw Haskins' friend. In the man's hand was a bundle of bills.

"Come in." Turgis said. "Mr. Sedger will be free in a moment to talk business. What's that? Will that be enough? Yes, yes, plenty.'

The other shook his head, mournfully, handing over the money.

"Thank heaven it is. I'd almost been afraid it wouldn't. Ah, when I think of the splendor of Hiram's burial-why it seems almost like a dream!" He sighed gently.

"We've-ah-had no-ah-complaints." Turgis said uncertainly. Then he started again, almost falling backward with shock.

The scream from the back room tore like a jagged knife through the two men. Together they rushed forward, hurled themselves against the connecting door. It held. The scream died. was replaced by hideous gurgles that faded out as Turgis and the other hurled themselves against the door. Then something inside dropped with a terrible thud to the floor, just as the door gave way and Sedger and the other tumbled into the embalming chamber.

"He-he's dead!" Turgis said hoarsely, pointing to the strangled body of Sedger. Then his blood turned cold as the new client chattered hysterically in fear, pointing to the coffin. At the foot of its trestles lay the body of old Mr. Graves which had been torn from its soft velvet and satin envelope. But it was not Graves at which the new client was pointing.

"You-you must have cheated Hiram in some way!" he cackled. "He swore to us all he'd rest richly in death!" Again he cackled. "I-I thought you said you'd had no complaints!"

Turgis staggered. Now he knew the game was up, that everything would be known. Sedger was the lucky one; he was dead. He wouldn't have to face exposure for fraud. For there, in the expensive coffin now lay that which had taken vengeance on Sedger and thrown Graves from his resting place to reclaim his own-the earthsmudged, grinning face and shrouded body of Hiram Haskins!

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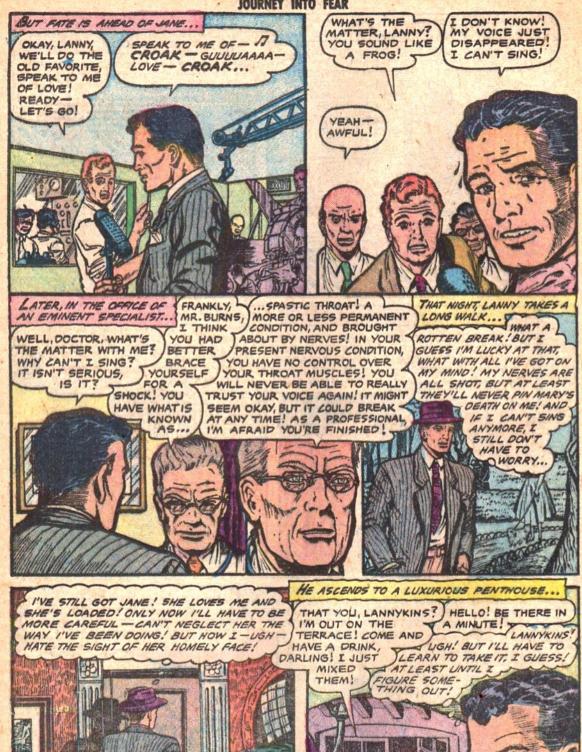


















ACCIDENT! HAH-HAH-HAH! YOU DRANK



HUSBAND HAS HAD AN ACCIDENT! YES,



















































HEY, I













































